

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the following paragraph on page 1 at line 7:

These ~~pending~~ US-~~applications~~ patents contain matter pertinent to this application and are hereby incorporated by reference into this application:

“AC Synchronization With Miswire Detection for a Multi-Node Serial Communication System” having a common assignee with this application, having Ser. No. 09/658,794, and filed on September 11, 2000 with John T. Adams, et al. as applicants, now US Patent No. 6,373,376 hereafter the “Miswire” ~~application~~ patent.

“Status Indicator For an Interface Circuit For a Multi-Node Serial Communication System” having a common assignee with this application, having Ser. No. 09/659,153, and filed on September 11, 2000 with John T. Adams, et al. as applicants, now US Patent No. 6,448,901 hereafter the “Indicator” ~~application~~ patent.